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said channel selector, and adapted to broadcast said channels to said user terminals; a request receiver, adapted to receive from one of said user terminals first type request information indicative for at least one requested channel; and a request handler, coupled between said request receiver and a control input of said channel selector, and adapted to interpret said first type request information and to control said channel selector to select said at least one requested channel, wherein the request handler further is adapted to check whether said at least one requested channel is available at said input of said broadcasting unit and wherein said broadcasting unit further comprises: a request generator, coupled to said request handler and adapted to generate in case said at least one requested channel is not available at said input of said broadcasting unit second type request information indicative for said unavailable requested channel; and a request transmitter, coupled to said request generator and adapted to transmit said second type request information to another broadcasting unit.

The invention is also directed to an access network including a plurality of such broadcasting units arranged in a multi-level topology.--;

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line 8, delete "by claim 1" and insert --above--.

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line 4, delete "defined by claim 2" and insert -- that the request generator is adapted to generate said second type request information in accordance with a standard zapping protocol already used for said first type request information--.

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line 11, delete "defined by claim 3 and insert -- that the request generator is adapted to generate said second type request information in accordance with a standard signalling protocol--.

after line 16, insert the heading: --Brief Description of the Drawings--.

before line 1, insert the heading: -- Detailed Description of the Invention ---. Page 4,